

III. REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for extending the courtesy of a telephone interview on June 24, 2005, during which the rejections under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph were discussed. In particular, it was pointed out that in the last amendment "certain" was deleted from claim 6. It was agreed that this made claims 6 & 7 definite.

Claim 9 has been amended to recite "said" durations.

Thus, claims 6-9, 12 & 13 satisfy 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph.

The Examiner has asked about claims 8-13. They do correctly follow from each other, and claim 12 reads on Fig. 4.

Allowable claim 5 has been added to all of the independent claims 1, 17, 20 & 22. Thus all claims are allowable.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

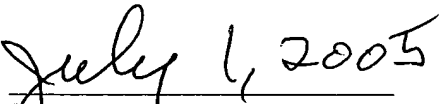


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